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SBARA Quartermaster Needed for the Club

With Jim Wood becoming a Silent Key (SK), we have lost a good friend and SBARA's quartermaster. So the call is going out to the membership for someone to 'take the baton' and assume the position of Quartermaster.

There is a formal 'position description' for Quartermaster and I will e-mail it to any member who wants to consider taking over for Jim.

This position is an entry-level position, that is, not much responsibility and very little involved. A new member could easily do this. The two main things are storing the pieces of club equipment that are not out on loan and keeping records of who has the equipment that is out on loan.

There are ten pieces that currently need storage and they are (2) transceivers, (2) receivers, (2) power supplies, (1) Antenna Tuner and some small items like (1) SWR meter, (1) Field Strength meter and (1) Code Practice Oscillator. All this can be stored on two shelves. There is an established record keeping book so the systems to do the job are

established and in place for you to use.

Quartermaster is NOT an elected position but rather a Board of Directors appointed position, so there is no election process to go through. The term is one year.

Contact Al Rendon, wt6k if you would like to take on this small job and help your association out.

Finally, Joann Wood has some of Jim's personal equipment like two Bearcat Scanners, five 2meter/70CM J-Pole antennas, a 2M/70CM Dual Band Mobil antenna, Laptop computer, portable printer, old arc 5 military surplus transmitter and other miscellaneous items that are available to purchase. She would like SBARA members to have the first choice so if interested call her at 510 657-6234. What she doesn't sell to SBARA members will be sold at the May 9th DeAnza Swap Meet so do not delay in calling.

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Special Points of Interest...

- **SBARA Needs a Quartermaster**
- **Field Day Plans**
- **Packet SIG Formed**

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SBARA Field Day Preliminary Plans

**SBARA FIELD DAY 2009 – JUNE 27th
AND JUNE 28th .**

**CQ Field Day...CQ Field Day this is
KU6S calling CQ Field Day.**

It is getting close to that time of year when SBARA members get together for a yearly emergency communication exercise. Nationwide, on June 27th and June 28th, over 30,000 hams will be setting up emergency stations to test and improve their emergency skills. This year SBARA will be operating 24 hours straight with a combination of stations on 20 Meters Phone and CW, 40 Meters Phone and CW and 80 Meters Phone and CW. The membership voted to try running QRO this year so fun and excitement are the focus of this year's Field Day.

We will be located again this year in Central Park near the intersection of Paseo Padre Pkwy and Sailway Drive. Guests are welcomed to operate the emergency stations under the supervision of a control operator.

As is our tradition, setup will be on the Friday before Field Day, starting at 10:00AM. Every member is asked to participate in the setup since this is a key part of the practice. The operating will begin at 11:00AM on Saturday the

27th, ending at 11:00AM on Sunday the 28th. Members and guests are encouraged to sit at an operating position and learn how to log a contact and then try to make one contact to round out their learning experience.

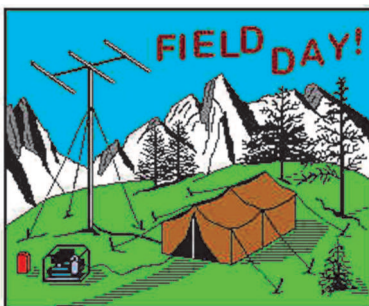
SBARA has permission to camp overnight and this has become a fun part of the weekend. Bring your tent and stake out a spot to join in the camping experience.

Sunday at 10:00AM we will start taking down the stations so extra hands are welcomed.

Don't forget the dinner on Saturday. We take a break from operating the radios at 5:00PM for a group potluck meal. This year the planning committee is asking that everyone bring a main course that feeds 6 to 8 people to share with the group. SBARA will provide the dessert, drinks and all cups, plates and flatware. So, get that family special recipe out and surprise everyone with your family's culinary treat.

The June SBARA meeting program topic is Field Day planning and discussion. Here you will learn about all the details and be able to ask question if this will be your first Field Day.

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Primavera Bicycle Ride Results

Primavera Bicycle Ride 2009



15 Hams from SBARA provided communication support for the 2008 Fremont Freewheelers Primavera Bicycle event. We provided operators at all 5 rest stops, Ed Levin, Sunol, Water stop (Greenville Rd and 580), Garré Winery in Livermore, Palo Verde (at the north end of Palomares Rd.) and the start/finish at Logan High School in Union City.

We also had operators

all SAG vehicles.

We had an unusually large number of riders in need of aid this year probably because of the heat. Also, the weekend rains in March probably interfered with many of the riders training rides. There were about 650 riders this year, double the number in 2008.

I want to thank everyone who helped: Mike Fung (WA6AWI), Brian Wong (KE6ITT), Steve and Doug

Wilson (KA6S), Umesh Ghode (K6VUG), Ray Wong (KE6OGM), Florence Wong (KF6GAH), Dick Gorringer (WA6STR), Joann Wood (WV6RQT), Bernhard Hailer (AE6YN), Brad Douglas (KB8YUR), Steve Wilson (KG6HJU), Al Rendon (WT6K), Andy Mascasak (WD6CJK), Rudy Kelly (KI6VMU), Joe Peterson (KE6YHG), Nancy Peterson (KF6HOI) and Tony Flusche (AB6BR).

For more information about the Fremont Freewheelers and Primavera go to their web page: <http://www.ffbc.org>

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"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"

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2009 Hayward Zucchini Festival

The call is going out for SBARA members to once again volunteer at the Hayward Zucchini Festival on August 15th and 16th. Again this year, for every shift you work your name will be put into a 'thank you' drawing.

Also, every shift you work earns SBARA money to help continue with all our programs.

If you are interested in bringing the entire family, Mike Fung WA6AWI will provide a family pass for any SBARA member who signs up for a shift. If you haven't partici-

pated in the past give it a try this year.

The festival is close by in Hayward and takes only a few hours of your time. The benefit is enormous for SBARA. Go to www.sbara.org and click on the flashing 'Hayward Zucchini Festival' in the menu bar for map to Kennedy Park. "F" or signing up or if you have any questions, contact Mike Fung WA6AWI at (510) 471-4371 or by e-mail at mxfo@aol.com or Al Rendon at (510) 656-2427 by e-mail at wt6k@arrl.net. You can sign up at any SBARA meeting between now and the August Festival.

My name is **Michael Fox, N6MEF**, and I'm organizing an Emergency Packet "Special Interest Group" under the Northern California Packet Association (NCPA) for the purpose of coordinating Emergency Packet frequencies.

I've copied our DEC, Larry Carr, in case you need to check me out. I'm an AEC for Los Altos and I "volunteered" to handle coordination for our County/District. In order to do that properly, I need to make sure we're coordinated with other emergency packet users in Northern California.

The NCPA assigns packet frequencies for use by different constituent groups, such as Emergency Packet. It is up to those groups to coordinate their use of the frequencies as well as to represent their SIG when requesting frequency assignment from the NCPA. The NCPA expects each sub-group or SIG to speak with one voice. That's what this SIG is about. Up until now, this coordination process has been largely informal and has worked pretty well. We don't want to create a heavy bu-

reaucracy. But the increase in usage of packet technology for emergency comms and the increasing demands on spectrum means that all of us will need to formalize communications a little better so we make the most effective use of the spectrum possible.

I'd like to start by getting all Section and District Emergency Coordinators to join a new Yahoo group created for this purpose: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ncpa-ep>

If you also have someone at the Section or District level who is your "goto" person for packet, they should definitely be part of this, too.

The group requires you to be a member in order to send messages or see other members. So we shouldn't get spam or other robots snarfing up email addresses.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach me at n6mef@mefox.org or my cell at 650-279-2553.

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Memorial Day Meaning

What does Memorial Day stand for? A day off? The start of summer? Parades and picnics? The opening of public swimming pools? You can — finally! — start wearing white shoes again?

If public opinion surveys are accurate, most Americans don't know much about Memorial Day's purpose or history. That's a pity because it removes an important bond with those brave men, and women, who have given their lives in our Nation's service.

Decorating the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers took place in several states during that catastrophic conflict. Shortly after the war, General John A. Logan, who

headed an organization of Union veterans called the Grand Army of the Republic,, issued a general order designating a day: ". . . for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

During the first observance of what was then termed Decoration Day, the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers in Arlington were adorned with flowers as the thousands of participants said prayers and sang hymns.

May Ham Radio Operating Events

AGCW QRP/QRP Party	1300Z-1900Z, May 1
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3
7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3
Indiana QSO Party	1600Z, May 2 to 0400Z, May 3
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 2 to 2400Z, May 3
ARI International DX Contest	2000Z, May 2 to 2000Z, May 3
EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party	1000Z, May 9 to 2000Z, May 10
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1200Z, May 10
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1159Z, May 10
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 9
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17
Manchester Mineira All America CW Contest	1500Z, May 16 to 2359Z, May 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 18
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 23 to 0200Z, May 24
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 24 to 0300Z, May 25
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 30 to 2400Z, May 31

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ARES -	Tuesday @ 7:30pm -
	147.015 + PL 103.5

SBARA Meeting Location

Our meeting location is at Hurricane Electric. The address in Fremont is:

760 Mission Court — Come to the meeting. Bring your HF transceiver (and antenna) or HT !

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Also consider joining us at Wok City Diner for Dinner at 6PM - mingle with your fellow SBARA members!!!!

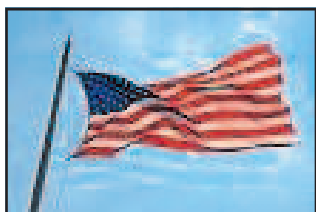
The **South Bay Amateur Radio Association** is a general interest amateur radio club serving the Fremont Tri-City area. The club has been in existence since 1974, and has functioned continuously ever since. We are an ARRL Special Service Club, a California not-for-profit tax exempt organization as specified in IRS Statutes. We sponsor training for new hams, license

examination sessions, and participate in various public service events. If you have a specialized amateur radio interest, chances are you can share it with one or more of our club members.

SBARA meets on the 2nd Friday of every month at Hurricane Electric in Fremont, California. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM. After conducting business, cof-

fee and snacks are served while we socialize. Following the break, a program of interest will be presented. All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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**Remember
our Fallen
Heroes**

Announcements

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May 8th. Starting at 7:30pm

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